



Bessemer Grange Primary School & Children's Centre

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Messy Players are Active Learners

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy half term! Wow this half term has whizzed by.

This week's letters and sounds:

/j/

/y/

/z/

Spellings:

no

they

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents for such a great turn out. We hope you have a clearer understanding of your child's day at school and the expectations for them by the end of the year. There will be another Parent/Teacher tutorial day in the Spring term whereby you will have a longer time slot to go into more depth about your child's learning and go through their learning journeys.

MATHS AND READING WORKSHOPS

Please can I bring your attention again to the workshops that are taking place at the beginning of next half term. They really are useful for supporting your child at home using the strategies we use at school.

Maths Workshop - Thursday 6th November 9.15am or 2pm

Reading Workshop - Thursday 13th November 9.15am

Celebration Days:

Thursday 13th Novemeber

Friday 14th November

Please sign up for your opportunity to come in to class in the second week of half term for half an hour to share your child's home learning diary. Having considered feedback from parents it makes more sense to put timetables outside the classrooms on the first day back when parents have a clearer idea of work commitments and availability. Please look out for the timetables on notice boards in the first week back.



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Reading

Your child has been sent home with two reading books for the holidays. I hope you enjoy some great reading time together during the holiday and remember to comment in the reading diary and sign.

Topics

This week we have been finding out about the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali. We have read the story about Sita and Rama and found out about traditions such as drawing Rangoli patterns to decorate houses, decorating houses with lights to welcome in the New Year.

The week we return from half term holiday we will be finding out about Bonfire night and Guy Fawkes. Children will consider how to be safe around fireworks, learn about other festivals of light and we will have a visit from the London Fire Brigade.

Spare Clothing

If your child is sent home in any clothing from school following an accident or water play soaking their clothes please could you wash and return the spare clothes to school as soon as possible. Our supply of spare clothing is quickly diminishing and we are unable to fund a new supply. Equally if you have any socks, tights or clothes that your child has now grown out of and can donate we will accept appreciatively.

Green Fingered Volunteers

Our outside coordinators are requesting the help of any green fingered volunteers to help create a planting area that is interactive for children. This would require regular maintenance, maybe twice a half term or more often if you can, but it would allow you do gardening sessions with the children and hopefully plant to cook produce. Also if you have any spare bulbs or seeds available we would be very grateful. Please let your class teacher know if you are interested.

Volunteers

If you are interested in doing music, arts and crafts, story-telling, cooking, experiments, sewing and can volunteer for regular sessions please let the class teacher know.

Homework

Newspaper template - Can you draw and write a sentence using your letters and sounds to describe what you have done in the holiday. (expectation: children to use high frequency words they have learned this half term where possible, and sound out more complex words to write their own sentence independently.)

Please review and practise:

Letter formation	n	m	j	y
Number formation:	2	3	7	



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